

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof in an effort to expedite prosecution of this application, and rewrite claim 10 in independent form to include the recitations of its base claims and any intervening claims and for clarity. No new matter is introduced. Claims 10-13 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action dated August 5, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Coppersmith et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,768,390) and rejected claims 3-7 and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Coppersmith '390 in view of Coppersmith et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,454,039). By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-9 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1-9 are thus rendered moot.

The Examiner also objected to claims 10-13 as dependent upon rejected base claim 3, but indicated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the elements of each claim's base claim and any intervening claims. By this Amendment, Applicants have rewritten claim 10 in independent form to include all recitations of its base claim and intervening claims. Each of claims 11-13 depend directly or indirectly from claim 10. In view of the documents being cited in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed concurrently herewith, including Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 10-116029 and "DES Compatible 128-bits Key Block Cipher DES-SS, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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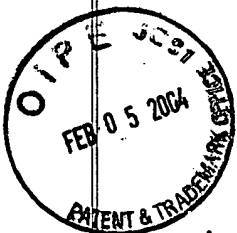
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Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of August 5, 2003, extending the period for reply to February 5, 2005. A fee of \$950.00 is enclosed.

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